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Media Advisory

Governor Pawlenty Appoints Jeannice S. Reding to Fourth Judicial District Bench

For immediate release

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (March 9, 2006) – Governor Tim Pawlenty appointed Jeannice S. Reding, formerly Fourth Judicial District Family Court referee to a judgeship.

“As a Hennepin County District Court Referee, Jeannice has proven that she can handle the caseload efficiently while giving each individual case personal attention,” Governor Pawlenty said. “She has demonstrated her potential to be an outstanding district court judge through her performance as a referee.”

Reding has been with the Fourth Judicial District since the been a Fourth Judicial District contract child support magistrate from 1999 to 2004; a contract administrative law judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings from 1997 to 1999; and an attorney with the law firm of Best and Flanagan in Minneapolis from 1990 to 1997. Reding earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1990 and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1984.

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Reding is a founding member and past treasurer of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association; volunteers at her children’s schools; and is a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Plymouth where she is the nursery coordinator, a Sunday school teacher, and actively involved in hosting homeless families at the church. She has also served on the Church Council and the Facilities Planning Committee. In addition, she has been a board member of Family and Children’s Services in Minneapolis, and a Guardian ad Litem for children of tribal members in the tribal court of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

Reding, 43, was born in Park Falls, Wisconsin, and resides in Plymouth with her husband, Troy, and their three children, Eli, 15, Elizabeth, 11, and Sam, 9.

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About the Fourth Judicial District

The State of Minnesota’s Fourth Judicial District serves only Hennepin County and is the state’s largest trial court. For the nearly 750,000 cases annually received, its mission is to provide a system of Justice that assures equal access for the fair and timely resolution of cases and controversies

Sixty-one judges, 15 referees serve and more than 550 staff serve in these courts: Civil, Criminal / Traffic (including Domestic Violence, Drug and the Community Impact and Property Calendars), Juvenile, Probate /

Mental Health, Family, Housing and Conciliation. Fourth Judicial District judges and staff strive to offer an accessible, fair, courteous, efficient and innovative system of Justice for its communities.

Fourth Judicial District facilities in downtown Minneapolis are located at the Hennepin County Government Center, Public Safety Facility, Juvenile Justice Center, Family Justice Center and City Hall. The suburban court facilities are located in Brooklyn Center (Brookdale / Division II), Minnetonka (Ridgedale / Division III) and Edina (Southdale / Division IV). For more information, please visit our website at www.courts.state.mn.us/districts/fourth.

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